

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, July 31, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (206 new fires)
 New large fires: 9 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires : ** 20
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 8

Nationally, there are 63 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 52
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

Cougar Creek, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Multiple structures threatened.

Union Valley, Southeast Washington DNR. Washington IMT2 (Lafave). One mile north of Chelan, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

Williams Creek, Umpqua NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles east of Glide, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching. Community of Moorehill and numerous residences threatened. Hwy 138 has been closed.

* **Discovery**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Washington IMT2 (Gormely). Timber. Thirty miles west of Yakima, WA. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting.

* **Long Prong**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty-five miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	1,000	192	55	8/4	440	-26	11	0	5	0	1.6M	FS
Union Valley	WA	SES	768	168	60	8/1	253	83	6	22	2	0	600K	ST
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	1,467	967	10	8/7	463	238	16	11	3	0	634K	FS
* Discovery	WA	OWF	500	---	0	UNK	123	---	3	0	0	0	NR	FS
* Long Prong	OR	WWF	100	---	5	8/13	109	---	4	0	1	0	320K	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
McGinnis Creek	OR	952S	3,417	0	100	---	227	-253	11	9	3	0	NR	ST

952S – John Day Unit, Oregon DOF

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 6
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 2 IMTs committed 2

Railbelt Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Doty). Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

* **Bluff Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. IMT2 ordered. Ten miles west of Circle, AK. Mixed spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior. Community of Circle and numerous structures are threatened.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Little Black One, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land fifty-three miles southeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black Spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Titna River**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty miles northwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Black Spruce. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Kantishna River**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Forty miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce, brush and hardwood slash. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Senatis Mountain**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty-eight miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **South Boney**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty miles southwest of Tanana, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Puzzle Gulch**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Thirty miles south of Circle City, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	355,360	14,476	N/A	N/A	277	33	9	0	8	0	7.5M	ST
* Bluff Creek	AK	UYD	18,000	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	32,769	2,000	N/A	N/A	110	43	4	0	2	0	3.7M	FWS
Little Black One	AK	UYD	257,478	---	N/A	N/A	60	---	2	0	1	0	1M	FWS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Titna River	AK	TAD	55,700	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Kantishna River	AK	TAD	19,968	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	75K	ST
* Senatis Mountain	AK	TAD	993	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* South Boney	AK	TAD	383	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Puzzle Gulch	AK	UYD	300	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Knight, Stanislaus NF. IMT2 (Johnson). Ten miles north of Twain Harte, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Knight	CA	STF	1,643	311	10	UNK	1,190	174	26	14	15	0	2.5M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4

Cliffs, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Cedar City, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Moderate fire activity with single-tree torching.

Tavaputs, Moab Field Office, BLM. Sixty-five miles north of Green River, UT. Brush. Moderate fire activity with interior torching.

Cedar Bench Complex (2 fires), Dixie NF. Nine miles north of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cliffs	UT	CCD	744	244	20	8/1	145	131	5	0	4	0	200K	BLM
Tavaputs	UT	MOD	549	0	0	UNK	12	0	0	1	1	0	NR	BLM
Cedar Bench Complex	UT	DIF	227	0	40	7/31	72	0	2	6	0	0	NR	FS
Goodluck	ID	SCF	150	0	100	---	46	-108	2	1	0	0	NR	FS

SCF – Salmon-Challis NF

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 17
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

2009 Summer Wildfire Response, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Carolina Bay, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Multiple structures threatened.

Concan, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northeast of Concan, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,836	1	0	UNK	299	1	0	4	4	13	4.6M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,660	0	70	UNK	27	0	0	5	1	0	120K	FS
Concan	TX	TXS	400	0	90	8/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Owl Creek	TX	TXS	3,000	0	100	---	0	-7	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Beaver Lake	TX	TXS	1,536	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rescue, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northwest of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Rescue	MT	HNF	589	---	60	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	89K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 18
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Spring Creek, Rio Blanco County FD. Started on BLM land ten miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

* **Wheeler Draw**, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Ten miles south of Norwood, CO. Ponderosa and pinyon pine, juniper and oakbrush. Smoldering and creeping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Spring Creek	CO	RBX	1,340	10	40	8/1	149	0	5	5	2	0	NR	BLM
* Wheeler Draw	CO	GMF	154	---	N/A	N/A	17	---	0	4	0	0	25K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Independence, Nevada DOF. Started on BLM land twenty miles northeast of Wells, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. No further information received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Independence	NV	NNS	519	0	98	UNK	126	0	3	4	1	0	NR	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot, dry and unstable conditions will be found east of the Cascades today. Thunderstorms are expected across portions of northern California, the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Widely scattered thunderstorms will continue over the southern Sierras, Great Basin, western Colorado and the Southwest. The Alaska interior will see cooler temperatures along with a few showers.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

● Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

● Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

● Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

● Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

● Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

● New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

● Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

● Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

● Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	3		4
	ACRES				0	1		1
Northwest	FIRES	2	1		1	27	21	52
	ACRES	1	0		1	8	13	23
Northern California	FIRES	4	1			12	17	34
	ACRES	3	8			14	53	78
Southern California	FIRES		1		0	13	4	18
	ACRES		0		3	41	25	69
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				7	11	20
	ACRES	1				6	1	8
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		13			4	3	20
	ACRES		7			4	75	86
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			2	1	9
	ACRES		1			10	0	11
Southwest	FIRES		3		0	1	9	13
	ACRES		2		7	0	584	593
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	12			2	2	18
	ACRES	3	0			0	0	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		16		17
	ACRES			45		99		144
TOTAL	FIRES	10	37	1	2	88	68	206
	ACRES	8	18	45	11	183	751	1,016

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	45	39	20	340	18	463
	ACRES	1	361,089	550,891	53,498	871,933	8	1,837,420
Northwest	FIRES	293	126	3	34	551	499	1,506
	ACRES	2,328	2,210	12	441	4,975	1,979	11,945
Northern California	FIRES	89	29	3	15	1,554	438	2,128
	ACRES	85	27	4	2	7,724	10,350	18,192
Southern California	FIRES	30	127	11	16	2,103	397	2,684
	ACRES	43	915	24	580	9,019	10,181	20,762
Northern Rockies	FIRES	560	61	12	11	427	452	1,523
	ACRES	1,627	1,045	392	2	16,003	2,266	21,335
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	272	3	23	283	189	803
	ACRES	71	7,000	186	2,111	1,273	9,361	20,002
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	280	9	9	70	92	464
	ACRES	20	16,090	150	20	375	256	16,911
Southwest	FIRES	598	238	8	48	608	828	2,328
	ACRES	24,515	70,279	148	3,766	259,338	81,006	439,052
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	380	292	15	13	473	175	1,348
	ACRES	1,635	3,661	533	64	66,856	811	73,560
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	26	11,525	521	12,527
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,447	6,598	112,203
Southern Area	FIRES	298		192	52	29,839	552	30,933
	ACRES	35,259		43,066	43,957	871,171	26,985	1,020,438
TOTAL	FIRES	2,711	1,470	325	267	47,773	4,161	56,707
	ACRES	66,823	462,316	596,215	104,551	2,212,114	149,801	3,591,820

Ten Year Average Fires	52,273
Ten Year Average Acres	3,881,501

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			11				11
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,444	1,444
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	11	0	0	1,449	1,460

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	19	2	19	88	250
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	231	12,361	31,759
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	152	286
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,260	40,922
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,067	195	8,627	11,201
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	17	77	2	24	182	324
	ACRES	1,973	1,329	18,408	345	2,241	17,479	41,775
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	50	105
	ACRES	15	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,734	19,422
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		216	281
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,551	166,280
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	110	10	45	121	397
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,952	5,851	1,564	28,302	66,732
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		431	43	1,787	173	2,501
	ACRES	72,214		64,365	9,201	82,079	46,146	274,005
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,071	2,217
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	979,154	1,501,943
TOTAL	FIRES	226	251	931	203	2,738	2,173	6,522
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	265,363	110,078	391,934	1,221,833	2,159,470

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	69	495	1,547	48,939
Yukon Territory	1	2	68	94,107
Alberta	7	2	1,232	64,203
Northwest Territory	1	0	26	833
Saskatchewan	0	0	462	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	1	254	314	20,395
Quebec	0	0	413	122,527
Newfoundland	0	0	163	52,593
New Brunswick	3	1	156	233
Nova Scotia	0	0	150	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	0	78	32,862
Total	87	753	4,739	477,797

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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